

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending August 19, 2001**. Farmers in the Delta were able to pick up the pace of corn harvest for grain. However, rain and the continued threat of rain kept many producers from cutting hay. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dent	94	92	98	97	0	2	12	54	32
	Mature	66	56	84	76					
	Harvested	17	5	46	31					
	Silage Harvested	85	74	60	69					
Cotton	Open Bolls	20	11	52	37	0	3	18	54	25
Rice	Heading	95	89	81	89	0	3	11	53	33
	Mature	29	11	10	20					
	Harvested	2	0	1	2					
Sorghum	Turning Color	95	83	90	88	0	1	9	54	36
	Mature	52	33	65	53					
	Harvested	8	0	21	18					
	Silage Harvested	25	8	6	23					
Soybeans	Setting Pods	97	96	98	94	0	4	23	52	21
	Turning Color	40	28	35	33					
	Shedding Leaves	23	11	21	18					
	Harvested	3	0	4	2					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	78	77	71	78	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	10	4	12	7	0	5	13	60	22
Watermelons	Harvested	92	90	86	91	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						0	2	14	63	21
Pasture						0	2	17	56	25

County Agent Comments

“Harvest of milo and Group IV soybeans will begin next week. Some boll rot is occurring in cotton due to recent rains. Rice harvest should also begin next week.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“It's ironic that farmers will likely have the best prospect for good yields in several years. However, because of economic factors they are in no better condition than last year. A good crop is always a source of encouragement, but when the bills are paid there will be little, if any, money remaining for many.”

— Ernie Flint, Attala County

“We have been receiving rain almost every afternoon. This is good as I know of no one complaining except a few golfers.”

— Lance Newman, Marion County

“The summer rains have been good on row crops, gardens, pastures, hay fields, and turf; but we need for the rain to stop for a while. Our fields were too wet to start combining corn last week.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“If we can skip the rain, corn harvest will go into full swing. We are beginning to see loopers in the soybeans, and will need to be watched closely.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds County

Weather Summary from August 13, 2001 to August 19, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	66	79	81	-2	0.33	-0.30	1	2.72	90	76	83	0.32
Cleveland	90	65	79			0.07		2	5.59				
Tunica	94	66	81	80	+1	0.79	+0.16	2	1.68	96	77	85	0.18
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	81	-1	0.40	-0.21	2	3.33	96	76	84	0.25
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	55	74	78	-4	1.17	+0.40	1	4.80	87	75	81	0.17
Memphis	92	66	79	81	-2	0.09	-0.68	2	2.39				
Oxford	92	64	79	78	+1	1.27	+0.61	2	7.09				
Extreme/Average	92	55	78	79	-1	0.84	+0.14	2	4.76	87	75	81	0.17
3. Northeast													
Booneville	88	63	78	79	-1	0.47	-0.17	2	5.01				
Corinth	89	64	77	79	-2	0.50 E	-0.09	2	3.96E				
Iuka						0.62 E		2	4.21E				
Pontotoc	90	66	78	79	-1	0.45	-0.11	4	5.84	88	77	82	0.17
Tupelo	91	66	79	80	-1	0.89	+0.26	4	5.18				
Verona													0.07
Extreme/Average	91	63	78	79	-1	0.59	-0.05	3	4.84	88	77	82	0.17
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	92	64	78	81	-3	0.83	+0.27	5	4.35				
Rolling Fork	97	65	81	81	0	0.33	-0.23	4	1.29	104	84	92	0.17
Stoneville	92	67	80	81	-1	0.13	-0.36	2	4.07	95	79	86	0.23
Yazoo City	92	66	79	82	-3	0.82	+0.13	2	2.45				
Extreme/Average	97	64	80	81	-1	0.53	-0.04	3	2.60	104	79	89	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	94	64	80	81	-1	0.06	-0.71	3	3.07				
Jackson	94	67	80	81	-1	1.17	+0.33	3	9.89				
Winona	89	62	77	78	-1	2.19	+1.48	3	5.81				
Extreme/Average	94	62	79	80	-1	1.14	+0.37	3	6.26				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.22	-0.55	1	1.64				
Columbus	95	66	81	81	0	0.82	-0.02	3	3.93				
State University	95	67	80	81	-1	3.00	+2.29	3	3.97	91	79	83	0.28
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	80	+1	1.35	+0.63	2	3.18	91	79	83	0.28
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	69	81			0.09		2	13.16	100	75	86	
Natchez	91	66	79	82	-3	3.01	+2.10	4	7.67				
Oakley	96	70	82	80	+2	0.20	-0.63	2	10.42	101	66	86	
Vicksburg	93	67	80			2.49		3	4.27				
Extreme/Average	96	66	80	81	-1	1.45	+0.54	3	8.88	101	66	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	92	68	80	82	-2	2.99	+1.68	3	9.58				
McComb	93	69	80	80	0	1.04	-0.15	6	8.86				
Extreme/Average	93	68	80	81	-1	2.02	+0.96	5	9.22				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	94	68	81			1.17		4	6.90				
Hattiesburg	92	68	81	81	0	0.87	-0.32	4	5.22				
Laurel	90	67	79	81	-2	0.96	-0.08	2	8.88				
Meridian	92	65	80	81	-1	0.89	+0.12	4	6.20				
Newton	94	62	79	80	-1	0.63	-0.28	3	4.82	90	72	81	0.21
Extreme/Average	94	62	80	80	0	0.90	-0.04	3	6.70	90	72	81	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	71	82			1.40		4	9.10				
BiloxiAFB	91	75	82			0.79		4	7.68				
Gulfport	92	74	82	82	0	0.56	-0.77	5	11.34				
Pascagoula	93	71	82			0.51 E		3	5.61E				
Poplarville	94	72	81	81	0	1.82	+0.51	3	8.24	92	74	82	0.20
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	82	0	1.02	-0.38	4	9.09	92	74	82	0.20
State	97	55	80	80	0	1.07	+0.24	3	6.03	104	66	84	0.20

DFN = Departure from Normal.